

**Project Name:**

Two Mile Drainage Improvement Project in Kalispell

**Recipient:**

Kalispell, MT

**Address:**

201 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East, Kalispell, MT 59901

**Amount Requested:**

\$3,315,000

**Project Explanation:**

This project extends stormwater infrastructure, reconstructs the road, and adds a sidewalk to connect existing infrastructure. This section of roadway was initially built as a county road. With housing developments extending beyond and annexing into the municipal limits, this section has yet to be improved, creating challenges in stormwater treatment and conveyance, and pedestrian pathway travel from multi-family housing sections into the areas of developed infrastructure. This interface between county and municipal subdivisions leads to a hazardous roadway for pedestrians with significant traffic volumes. Children are currently walking to school on a road with no sidewalk or safety barrier between them and oncoming traffic. This project will provide much-needed additional safety measures.

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-2601**

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Kalispell Two Mile Drainage Improvement Project**

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Kalispell Two Mile Drainage Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Kalispell, located at 201 1st Ave East, Kalispell, MT 59901.

The funding would be used for extending stormwater infrastructure, reconstructing the road, and adding a sidewalk to connect existing infrastructure. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this interface between county and municipal subdivisions leads to a hazardous roadway for pedestrians with significant traffic volumes. With housing developments extending beyond and annexing into the municipal limits, this section initially built as a county road has yet to be improved, creating challenges in stormwater treatment and conveyance and pedestrian pathway travel from multi-family housing sections into the areas of developed infrastructure.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Ryan Zinke  
Member of Congress